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PROGRESS MADE General Marshall Holds First Conference

CHUNGKING, JAN. 7.—GENERAL MARSHALL, TO DAY AFTER GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PEACE NEGOTIATORS AND, AT THE END OF THE FIRST HISTORIC SESSION, DECLARED: "WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS."

GENERAL MARSHEL TOLD TIME TO CHINA IS PRESIDENT TREATS A SPECIAL ENVOY, AND NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN RESUMED TO MOVE FORWARD HIS COMMITMENT ON PROGRESS. BEING MADE IT IS ALREADY THE FIRST SINCE HE STEPPED INTO THE MIDDLE OF CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER THE THREE PARTIES AGREED TO THE METHODS LEADING TO THE PEACE TREATY.

Marshall met for about three hours with Communist General Chou En-lai and General Chang Chia, representing the Chinese government.

All concerned admitted that the conference, general Chang and Chou agreed progress had been made.

It was reported already that the "cease fire" order will be given when the Committee of three concludes its work, possibly Tuesday.

It also was under food political problem were touched.

THREE-PARTY MEETINGS

CHUNGKING, JAN. 7.—REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, COMMUNIST PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC FAIRY WORKED BUSILY YESTERDAY EVENING IN THE ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES ON THE VARIOUS NATIONAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE UNITY CONFERENCE OPENS ON JAN. 10.
THE CLEVERNESS IT IS INSPIRED BY THE LEADING MEN IN THE AGREEMENT FOR A PEACE IN CHINA REPORTED SUNDAY BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE CONFERENCE GETS UNDER WAY.

There is a strong belief that the order for "cease fire" on both sides must be issued after Monday's meeting of the "Committee of three." The key committee includes Gen. George C. Marshall, the special American envoy; Gen. Chang Chia, representing the Government; and Gen. Chou En-lai, representing the Communists.

With a truce in effect, a high hurdle will have been cleared, but there are many others before China can traverse a road of unity and peaceful reconstruction.

Hopes for a final settlement between the Government and Communists, who have been quarreling since 1927 and exchanging blows off and on, have reached a new high mark although the more cautious prefer to wait and see it achieved before casting aside their present doubts.

Representatives of the different parties are trying to reach the widest measure of agreement possible before the long-drawn-out unity conference starts. Discussions are proceeding in an atmos-

Execution Of Commandos

NUREMBERG, JAN. 7.—DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE MURDER OF A BRITISH COMMANDO COMMANDER IN CARRYING OUT HITLER'S ORDER OF 1942 THAT ALLIED COMMANDOS MUST BE SLAUGHTERED "TO THE LAST MAN" WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIMES TRIAL TO-DAY.

The execution of a British commander and men of a midship submarine in Norway and of three British Commandos, who were given "special treatment" (formally already known to the Tribunal) at Pescara, Italy is expected to be among the examples quoted.

A supplementary brief on the Nazi persecution of the Church, on analysis packed with quotations by Major Elwyn Jones, M.P. of the British prosecution team, from the Nazi bible "Mein Kampf" is also on the programme for to-day.

It is not likely, however, that both will be squared in before the Tribunal rises.—Reuters.

Hanged

PRAGUE, Jan. 7.—*Lea Rudel, 36, the Czech who helped the Germans destroy the statue of Wladimir Horowitz in front of Prague's railway station, was hanged yesterday for the removal of the body of Czechoslovakian Unknown Soldier of World War No. 1 from the City Hall.*

He admitted that the remains had been taken in a pack to the Gestapo head-quarters. Associated Press

Shaw Wants A New Alphabet

LONDON, JAN. 7.—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW APPEALED TO DAY TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A NEW ALPHABET "WITH WHICH EVERY SOUND IN OUR SPEECH CAN BE WRITTEN WITH ONE GRAPHIC AND EASILY WRITABLE SYMBOL, WITHIN EVEN CROSSES OR DOTS."

Such an alphabet, the dramatist wrote in a letter to the "Times," would soon may for the cost of the war in time saved.

Using phonetic spelling instead of "Dr. Johnson's monumental mis-naming which is now much more sacred than the Creed and the Catechism," Shaw declared that the word "bomb" should be spelled "bom," dropping the final "b."

"I can scribble the word 'bom' barely legibly 18 times in one minute, and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 25 per cent," the dramatist declared.

He urged that "ernests" such as the advocates of a universal language should be expressly discredited from the drafting committee of his proposed alphabet.

BING TOPS THE LIST

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 7.—Bing Crosby has been named the nation's movie box-office leader again this year in a poll of exhibitors conducted by the "Motion Picture Herald."

Van Johnson was ranked second, followed in this order by: Greer Garson, Betty Grable, Spencer Tracy.

Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper tied for sixth place. Next in order were Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Roy Rogers.—Associated Press.

Ankara Demonstration Against Soviet

ANKARA, Jan. 7.—Students of the Ankara University paraded in a demonstration that was finally broken up by the police after the Minister of Education had made an appeal to the marchers to disband.

The demonstration was similar to those which occurred in Turkey month ago, when more than 20,000 persons swarmed through Istanbul, damaging newspaper shops and book stores in an outburst which brought an official protest from Russia. The demonstration reflected hostility to the Soviets.

About 1,000 students marched into the centre of the town after first visiting the Ataturk monument.

Mounted police and soldiers with fixed bayonets kept close guard as student speakers yelled: "We shall fight and guard Turkey's territory if she is attacked by anybody."

There were no placards and no mention was made of any foreign power.

One and a half hours after the demonstration began, Education Minister Yuval appealed to the students to disband. The appeal was ignored.

Shortly afterwards the police

broke up the meeting and took into custody two alleged leaders. The crowd was orderly throughout.—Associated Press.

Large-Scale Raids On Black Market Dealers

SEVERAL RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE DURING THE WEEKEND IN THE CENTRAL AND WANCHAID DISTRICTS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAN UP BLACK MARKETING IN MILITARY GOODS.

At the Summary Military Court yesterday morning, Pak Luk, of No. 24, Wing Lok Street, ground floor, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan with being in possession of 318 packets of British cigarettes, 60 cartons of Lucky Strike, 62 packets of pipe tobacco, 38 packets of "Raleigh," 38 of a type provided to the Forces.

According to Sub-Inspector

Mackenzie, he raided No. 21, Wing Lok Street, at about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, by virtue of a warrant, and the goods mentioned in the charge were found.

Accused denied the charge, said that his premises were used for a shipping business, that the goods were left there by a passenger, and that he had nothing to do with the cigarette rette.

After hearing evidence, Mr. Kwan discharged defendant, and ordered the cigarettes to be confiscated.

A well-dressed Chinese woman, Lam Sau king, was charged with being in possession of 12 packets of tobacco and three packets of cigarettes at the same address.

She told the Court that she bought the cigarettes intending to take them to Canton as presents to her friends.

She was fined \$5 and the cigarettes and tobacco were ordered to be confiscated.

HENNESSY ROAD HAUL

Chung Cheung, 29, manager of the Lucky Store, No. 28, Hennessy Road, was charged before Mr. A. el Arculli with possession of 300 packets of "333" cigarettes, 84 tablets of Protect soap, four cartons of Barley sugar, 35 slabs of Nestle's chocolate, 287 slabs of "Mac Robertson" chocolate, three tins of condensed milk, 26 tins of tobacco, seven rolls of "Life-Saver" sweet, six packets of Spearmint chewing gum and 11 tins of British cigarettes.

Accused admitted possession and said that he bought them from sailors who brought them to his shop.

Inspector Goddard told the Court that the shop was raided on information.

Accused was fined \$200 and the goods ordered to be confiscated.

Ho Tak-ching, was fined \$10 for having in his possession 45 packets of three "K" cigarettes at No. 24, Wing Lok Street, while Wong Siu-lun,

was cautioned for a similar offence.

It will be recalled that the jet-propelled Meteor flew at over 600 m.p.h. recently at Herne Bay on the English south-east coast.—Associated Press.

GANGSTER TOLD HIS STORY BEFORE DEATH

MACAO, JAN. 7.

MACAO AUTHORITIES SAY THAT WONG KOON-KIT, THE NOTORIOUS GANG LEADER AND JAPANESE COLLABORATOR WHO WAS KILLED BY POLICE HERE ON THE NIGHT OF JAN. 2, DISCLOSED MANY OF THE DETAILS OF HIS SORDID WARTIME CAREER DURING THE WEEKS HE WAS IN CUSTODY AWAITING TRIAL.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT ON WONG KOON-KIT'S SUDDEN DEMISE RELATED SIMPLY THAT THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES DECIDED TO MOVE HIM FROM ONE POLICE STATION TO ANOTHER.

A small guard accompanied the prisoner, it was reported, and he was riddled with bullets when he leaped from the car into the darkness in an escape attempt.

If there is more than that to the story of his death, the records fail to show it. But it is a fertile case for rumours to breed on.

The story he told to the authorities was of wolfram smuggling, of getting more deeply and more deeply enmeshed under the Japanese gendarmerie with his gang activities, of once being detained by Chinese guerrillas near the border between free and occupied China and of bribing his way to freedom.

Wong Koon-kit, according to the authorities, said that the demands of Colonel Sawa and the Japanese gendarmerie became ever more exacting; that the demands required an ever-expanding gang to eat into his resources; that he became entangled in the octopus-like arms of conspiracy, intrigue and crime until life was a terrible nightmare, and his fate was tied ever more closely to his Japanese taskmasters.

"ORDERED TO KILL"

The Japanese blamed him for the escape of four American airmen from Macao. His gang was ordered to kill men against whom they had no grudge. Japanese promised him rewards, but payments always fell behind the needs of supporting the growing gang, which embarked on plundering, robbing and pillaging in occupied China.

Fate seemed to turn against him, he said, after a Chungking agent was shot to death under pressure from the Japanese.

Emil Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange, many times this year urged investors to consult all available facts in judging securities' values.

Harold L. Baché, senior partner of Baché and Co., in memorandum to branch managers cited the "indiscriminate buying of speculative issues" in the recently rising market.

As authorities related the story, Wong Koon-kit continued with this narrative:

He decided to contact Chinese Communists and try to hide his identity in their ranks. He was about to join them when he and his wife were wounded when Macao police fired into their car. It was reported to have been accidental.

The police detained them and he thought the game was up, but Japanese pressure brought freedom again. Sawa suggested they might escape to San Cho island after the surrender and then to Formosa, but Wong decided to join the Communists in the Po On district. He converted his gold into opium and took 100 catties of the drug with him for use as currency. With numerous henchmen, he left

Spectacular Meteor Over Sydney

SYDNEY, JAN. 7.

A METEOR EXPLODED

OVER NEW SOUTH WALES

SATURDAY NIGHT WITH

SPECTACULAR BRILLIANCE.

ACCORDING TO MANY EYE

WITNESS REPORTS.

The explosion took the capital by surprise at 7:45 p.m. when residents saw what resembled a brilliant flash of lightning. They flooded the Canberra Commonwealth Observatory with calls to find details and were informed by an officer there that, according to his calculations, the meteor was 60 to 70 miles high when it exploded.

Commonwealth astronomer Woolley was in his bath at the time and was a few seconds too late reaching the window to see the fireworks. However, he still was able to see a trail of smoke and estimated it was a large meteor.

He said it could have done a considerable amount of damage if it had fallen to the earth.

Woolley said there is no record of a meteor landing in Australia since prehistoric times.—Associated Press.

HITLER SALUTE NEW STYLE

BERNE, JAN. 7.

THE EMBERS OF NAZISM

ARE STILL SMOKING IN

GERMANY, ACCORDING TO

THE "JOURNAL DE GENEVE."

Some groups of former soldiers who call themselves Landesbewegung have started a group somewhat reminiscent of the Stahlhelms after the last war, the paper said.

Members of the group salute each other holding their cap in one hand with the other arm stretched out in a camouflaged Hitler greeting.

"This is an affair which should be watched closely," the paper concluded.—Associated Press.

MACAO on Oct. 4 by motor junk.

NO REMORSE

A British patrol nearly caught him but he eventually landed safely in Communist territory. A banquet was a trap for his capture, although some of his men escaped.

The Chinese turned him over to Macao authorities last month. They said the notorious bad man, without remorse, realising he had bucked the wrong horse and that his luck had run out completely, was ready to accept whatever fate awaited him. It did not take long in coming.—Associated Press.

Congressmen Sore About Something

Washington, Jan. 7.

Representative Reid F. Murray, Wisconsin Republican, to day declared "everyone knows" that the proposed loan to Britain "will be used for bombs and bullets to take lives of innocent people in Java, Indo-China and other countries."

Asserting that the United States was providing \$2,700,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Murray added: "We should not nullify these Christian objectives by now providing Britain or any other country funds with which to carry on an imperialistic war to destroy human beings."

"The time has come to tell Britain and all countries that the American people are not going to give further from their depleted resources and money to any country that does not subscribe or support to the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

Administration leaders admit a strong opposition to the proposed \$4,400,000,000 loan to Britain.

Rep. Gerald W. Landis, Indiana Republican, declared yesterday that "confidential poll" of Congress showed enough votes to defeat the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

Congressional Republicans and Democratic leaders have acknowledged the loan would meet strong opposition and might be defeated if an early vote was taken.

Landis said: "Congress will not

vote to bankrupt America in order to finance the world. Why should American taxpayers be forced to underwrite a loan to Great Britain when Britain owns billions in gold and diamond reserves and possesses many assets in the United States?"—Associated Press.

TOLL OF THE
TORNADOES

Nacogdoches, Texas, Jan. 7.

A Red Cross team from St. Louis joined local relief agencies to-day in caring for 500 families made homeless and more than 300 persons injured by the tornadoes which tore across five eastern Texas countries on Friday night.

Meanwhile, with four additional deaths the total casualties reached 29.

Property damage, estimated at \$2,600,000, is likely to be revised upward when a survey of damage has been completed.—Associated Press.

Navy Gives A Party

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AN INSPIRATION

The team of Cyril O'Brien, the Melbourne layman, who pulls and gives a thousand per cent an hour, deserve to go on record as a worthy example both of artistry and of sold usefulness in critical times. The mere fact that bars are still bawling close at six o'clock each evening, and that Mr. O'Brien's musical dexterity has been perhaps superinduced by a concatenation of circumstances lending a impetus and an inspiration only to be equalled elsewhere, (not perhaps in Sydney) does not detract in the least from the undeniability of the performance. Between Mr. O'Brien and the common man there is obviously a close affinity of interest, and an individual who so consistently fills what may justifiably be called a gap in these interesting times well warrants the plaudits of his fellowmen, as well as the fame attached to mention in a Renter cable, if such a code can these days be given without causing unparaded spouting in the State Department. In the relatively beardless city, the anguish may be of a different order and root from other causes, but to the normal run of human beings, the most honest of beverages remains one of those such rare luxuries that it is very mention sounds seductively and summons up no tragic memories of good companion. There is, indeed, something about beer that in the right atmosphere warms the cockles of the heart more gently and effectively than most of the harder liquors, and vast armies may be the practical advantages of taking what one can get, some tinge of the glow and character that goes with the long steady quaffing of a ripe old ale in the right company tends to exude. Beyond doubt, the virtue resides as much in the atmosphere as in the beverage, and though none can say that Hong Kong in these past few weeks has not had its fair share of the cup that cheers, there are not a few who have had, relatively, little joy of the business. It is doubtful, indeed, whether Hong Kong will come to full life and feel its normal self again until the "dual familiarity" of our local bars, conversars and clubs is restored to bind people more closely together in previous past associations, of the quiet corner, the quiet drink and the good conversation. The Gloucester Club does its best, but its best is a poor substitute for the normal rhythm of Hong Kong's more pleasing essay in sociability.

"PIN-UP GIRL"

The latest 20th Century Fox musical comedy production "Pin-up Girl" starring Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye and John Harvey will open at the Queen's Theatre on Friday.

There are numerous scenes which will be long remembered, as nothing like them has been shown here for the past four years, with beautiful girls in the latest fashions dancing to the latest song hits, with Martha Raye and Betty Grable singing them. The picture is in technicolor.

TOMMY-GUNS IN A JUNK

Chau Sam, mistress of junk No. T 49 H, was arrested by A/B Wall of No. 8 Police Launch on Jan. 6 near Stonecutters Island. Two sub-machine guns and 28 rounds of ammunition were found in her junk. For which she could not produce a licence. She was found guilty by Lt. Nigel at Kowloon Typhoon Shelter and sentenced for a 24-hour period. The arms were handed over to the Arms Office. Sentence will be imposed this morning.

S. I. Foster of the Water Police prosecuted.

A-Hunting We Will Go In N.T.

THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BECOME A WEEKEND "BIG GAME" HUNTING PARADISE. EVERY SATURDAY, JEEPS AND CARS BRING IN WILD PIG AND BARKING DEER STALKERS WHO OCCASIONALLY BAG A SPECIMEN.

CHIEF GUTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND THERE HAS BEEN A CRY OF TIGER! TIGER!

One controversy going on at present is in respect of fairness with regard to the barking deer. There is a school of thought among local "big game" hunters who consider it unsporting to stalk these with a .303 Service rifle and advocate a lighter calibre sport gun.

Deer are to be frequently met with in the Lam Chung Valley, which is situated westward from the northern end of Tai Po Market, the valley extending up to Castle Peak Road.

More controversial is the question of the presence of any tiger in the Territories to day. A hunter of many years' experience in HK told the "China Mail" that some decrepit specimens, when old age creeps on them, have been known to migrate from the Wanchow hills some 100 miles north west of the New Territories.

Readers' Letters

Blithe Spirit

Sir. As one of the Colony's civilians I would appreciate the courtesy of your columns to thank ENSA for giving us a treat on Saturday afternoon with a public performance of "Blithe Spirit".

The relatively poor attendance has aroused some controversy as to how much interest there is in Hong Kong in the theatre. I have spoken with several civilians who attended "Blithe Spirit" and there was such a general paucity of praise that I can quite confidently feel that the gesture was spontaneous.

The question apparently arises: Could the Colony support a repertory company here? I incline to the opinion that it could. We here are not the fashionable world that we were before the war. We have little enough of time to spare, and an afternoon performance was not necessarily a hindrance.

Though Saturday afternoon is generally a holiday here, offices are all understaffed and over worked to the point that many prefer to continue working on Saturday afternoon rather than be faced with an overload of accumulated work on Monday morning. Normally too, a Saturday afternoon performance could not be successful in a short-enthusiasms community.

Had the performance taken place at night, with a good and regular ferry service, good public transport, and the normal dole of private cars and taxis, I am more than certain that there would have been not only a full house for one night but a full one for many nights.

Those of us who know are well aware that Hong Kong in these past few weeks has not had its fair share of the cup that cheers, there are not a few who have had, relatively, little joy of the business. It is doubtful, indeed, whether Hong Kong will come to full life and feel its normal self again until the "dual familiarity" of our local bars, conversars and clubs is restored to bind people more closely together in previous past associations, of the quiet corner, the quiet drink and the good conversation. The Gloucester Club does its best, but its best is a poor substitute for the normal rhythm of Hong Kong's more pleasing essay in sociability.

ONE OF MANY

A Tribute From Macao

Sir. No one it would seem was surprised when news reached here that our beloved consul John Powell Reeves had been awarded the O.B.E., rather in fact, I am definitely certain that thousands of refugees would have expected something very much greater than that distinguished merit, for a man who had slaved for four years for the British Cause and saved about eight thousand refugees from what might have otherwise been starvation.

Could we but imagine that Coventry was "convenanted" London out in flames, the devastating retreat from Dunkirk and battle after battle lost with all hopes of victory very dire and forlorn, yet, in their very sorry plight, the People and the Government of England listened to a voice from a very distant place ... "Macao" the voice prayerful and supplicating for assistance to sons of the Empire ... in their distress. The people of England did not let us down. What are we?

English, Scotch, not by a long chalk, we are Colonial Portuguese, Indians, Chinese and this and that 8,000 of us with no prospect of employment or means of income, and yet the British did not tell us that because of their own plight they could hardly look after themselves, suffice to look after us ... they had a good excuse to leave us to our fate but what my grand-dad told me (he was among the first inhabitants of HK in the early days of the British) ... "Never Betray Your Flag It is the flag that will never let you down!" The spirit of my grandfather perhaps will be near me to see me writing this the realization of the lesson he had given.

Mr. Reeves' wonderful work earns the gratitude of not only his government but also of the Government of China and of Portugal because these two countries have the very largest number of refugees in his hands.

The people here are proposing to buy a little souvenir for him a regular repertory company here, a municipal theatre for the amateurs, a good public library and many other improvements to a Colony that has always cared little for an improved cultural standard to take in the mass. We, who live here year after year, do have very little to say in what Government deigns for expenditure on the town's desire for the higher arts, but we do, strangely, have some civic pride. One has only to see Kowloon Tong to realize this. There is much contempt here for the better things and the local citizenry who settled there years ago built up a district that any city could well be proud of.

The Colony's desire for a good theatre has now, we are told,

Well-known Brothers Arrested

Marking the second arrest of French citizens in Shanghai by the Chinese authorities, the Municipal police arrested Arthur and Theodore Sonner, financiers and real estate brokers, and charged them with collaborationist activities. "The Daily News" learned.

It will be recalled that last week, the former donkey chief of the French police was also arrested

for toting the Japanese line,

which aroused a storm of protest

on the part of the French Com

sulate to the effect that France

had not yet relinquished extrat

riority in China and that the arrest was

consequently not in order.

These questions were brought

up before the Tenancy Tribunal

sitting at the Supreme Court

Building yesterday when a

tenant against whom an applica

tion for eviction was brought

claimed that he had been pay

ing rents to the landlord, the

original owner of the premises.

The case was that in which

Young Yiu-lik applied to evict

Cheung Shun-kee, tenant of the

ground floor of No. 77B, Holly-

wood Road.

Hearing of the case was before

a tribunal comprising Messrs. Y.

K. Kuan, N. C. Dastoor and H. K.

Lee. Mr. H. L. Kwan appeared

for applicant. Opponent appeared

in person.

Mr. Kwan told the Tribunal that

applicant purchased the house in

January, 1945 for Y19,000 from a

Mrs. Ng and Mr. Chan. Applicant

had not collected rents during the

occupation. On Oct. 29 last year

Messrs. D'Almada and Mason

were instructed to write opponent

informing him of the change in

ownership and that he should pay

rents to applicant. Further letters

were written fixing the rents at

\$80 and requesting the rents for

the months of October and November.

No rents, however, were received.

Later it was discovered that

opponent had been paying rents to

the previous owners. Opponent

claimed that rents for October

November and December had been

collected by Chan Chow Puk Pak

as before. Opponent further claim

ed that Chan was the landlord and

the only person entitled to collect

rents. TITLE DEEDS

Young Yiu-lik, brother of appli

cant gave evidence of the sale of

the premises. Witness produced

the title deeds which he admitted

had not yet been registered.

The late Mrs. Allison, who was

over sixty years of age, was in

Stanley during the Japanese occu

pation and sated for England in

the "Highland Monarch". She was

however, taken seriously ill and

was put ashore on arrival in

Singapore where later she died

as the result of cardiac beriberi

at the British General Hospital.

Her husband died in Hong Kong

several years before the war. She

left two sisters, Miss Ethel

Jones of West Croydon, and Mrs.

F. D. Ross, of Vancouver, with

whom the deepest sympathy will

be felt.

PICKPOCKET GAOLED

Lt. Liu-tong, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kuan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for attempting to steal 699 four-gallon tins of kerosene in the hold and asked for the permit. The master, Tsui Yuen-fu, could not produce it and was taken into custody with his foki, Kwok Kam Shing. At the Summary Military Court, Kowloon, yesterday, Lt. Liu-tong, Capt. R. A. Rodrigues and Mr. Chan Kwan-pu.

He was also charged with stealing a black Schoffer fountain pen from an unknown person on the Star Ferry wharf.

Sub-Inspector Fung, who prosecuted, said he was seen by a Chinese detective attempting to steal from an aged woman who was purchasing rice in Wellington Street. When accused was searched, a fountain pen was found.

He admitted that it had been stolen from a Chinese on the Star Ferry wharf the previous day.

The accused said that they were told to carry the kerosene to Macao. The tins were taken on board from Cheung Wan.

Six months imprisonment with hard labour was imposed and the accused restored to his former post.

Inspector Bethell of the Water Police said that accused came had just arrived when the police

from Macao and had just arrived at the Yau-mati Typhoon Shelter, and ammunition and a revolver were confiscated and the accused fined \$250.

AGAINST PIRATES

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Leung Kam, master of a junk in the Yau-mati Typhoon Shelter, for possessing 163 rounds of rifle ammunition, six detonators, five sticks and a jar of dynamite and a coil of fuse, without a permit. The accused said that he intended to use the munitions for self defence against pirates. A/B Holmes made the arrest while S. I. Foster prosecuted.

For having in his possession two rifles and 114 rounds of ammunition, Chau Pat Yuk, junk master, was arrested by the Water Police under A/B Holmes at North Point on Jan. 6.

Accused naked Lt. Nigel for 48 hours remand. Mr. F. H. Losby will appear for the accused on Wednesday. Bail was fixed at \$1,500.

Tenancy Tribunal F

GREATEST MASS MIGRATION

Two-Way Movement Between Japan And Korea

Colossal Task Yet Undone

(By Hal Boyle).

LONG LINES OF BURDENED JAPANESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAIT STOLIDLY HERE FOR SHIPS TO CARRY THEM BACK TO JAPAN, THE HOMELAND WHICH MANY HAVE NEVER SEEN. KOREANS SCREAM AT THEM SPITFULLY.

"YOU ARE TRYING TO CARRY OUR COUNTRY AWAY ON YOUR BACKS!"

Returning ships from Japan unload thousands of Koreans in the greatest two-way mass migration in modern Asiatic history, ending 35 years of Japanese control over Korea.

More than 247,000 impressed Korean labourers have been brought back from Japan. Some 257,000 Japanese—including 90,000 troops and 158,000 civilians—have been ferried to Japan.

"We still have about 300,000 Japanese soldiers and anywhere from 100,000 to 500,000 more Jap civilians to get out of this country," said Maj. John M. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa., the operations officer for the 40th U.S. Army Division.

The centre of this great shuttle ending Japan's continental empire is pier number one where thousands of Japanese carpabarguing families wait wearily for long hours to board jammed boats. They wait patiently with few complaints.

GET SUPPLIES

"If they haven't food, we give them enough from Jan army supply dumps to carry them across the straits," said Col. R. G. Stanton, Washington, D. C. "Our soldiers aren't rough with them but we don't mix with them in any way. We help women get their babies and children up the gangplank safely and that's all."

A Japanese doctor delivered babies on four successive nights to women on the dock.

"All they ask for is a drink of coffee," an American officer said.

The stoical faces of the people on the pier show little of the distress mirrored in the countenances of European refugees. They suffer their fate calmly.

Each emigrant is inoculated against typhus and deloused, which in turn game to the children as soldiers squirt disinfectant into their pants or kimono.

Each Japanese gets to take with him 1,000 yen in cash and all the household possessions he can carry.

Nuernberg Trial To Drag On

Nuernberg, Jan. 7. Despite intensified efforts to speed up the war crime trial here of the 21 leading Nazis, some quarters here believed yesterday that the trial might continue into May, possibly June.

This belief was based on the assumption that the entire prosecution case cannot be finished before the middle of February and that the defence case would require two and a half months to three months. After that there will still be the closing statements.

The Tribunal faced the big job of studying the whole mass of evidence and of writing its findings.

However, the thoughts of the Tribunal and the prosecuting staff turned more and more to the prospects of completing the proceedings as the American prosecution prepared to hasten through the closing portions of their case this week.

The American prosecution is scheduled to finish its case by Monday.—Associated Press.

That Morgan Story Again

Frankfurt, Jan. 7. An official spokesman in Lt.-General Sir Frederick E. Morgan's office said today that the U.N.R.A. chief for Germany had received no instructions to return to London and was standing decided on his realignment not to leave.

The spokesman said Morgan was "surprised" to read a report that he had been recalled to London.—Associated Press.

NORTH CHINA CONTROLS

Tientsin, Jan. 7. A spokesman for Mr. T. V. Soong, President of China's Executive Economic Council, said that arrangements have been completed to control industry and transport in the newly occupied Chinese territory in the North. He said that Soong had direct charge of immediate resumption of work in Japanese-founded factories.—Associated Press.

First In 50 Years

Copenhagen, Jan. 7. Helwig Larson, 34, former war correspondent of a Danish Nazi paper, was yesterday killed by a firing squad in Denmark's first execution in 64 years.

The execution was for the murder of the Berlin correspondent of another Danish paper.—Associated Press.

Defence In The Western Hemisphere

Washington, Jan. 7. Ambassador Galo Plaza today said that Ecuador would submit to the forthcoming Rio de Janeiro Foreign Ministers Conference a defence treaty proposal calling for economic military action against any aggressor threatening the Western hemisphere of her peace security.

He said the treaty had been sent to all American Governments, including Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, with treaty drafts on their own, have made the documents available to the Argentine Government.

Only the United States, which has repeatedly insisted that it would not sign the military accord with the present Argentine Military Government, has refused to provide Argentina with a copy of this treaty.

Ecuador defined aggression against American nations as "any move threatening the integrity, territorial sovereignty or political independence of any American State."

The Rio de Janeiro Conference is scheduled for an as yet undetermined date between March 15 and April 15.—Associated Press.

Terrorism Keynote In Korean Politics

SEOUL, Jan. 7. INTERNECINE FEUDS RESULTING IN SERIOUS KIDNAPPINGS AND BEATINGS CONTINUED HERE AS UNIFICATION OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT WING ELEMENTS APPEARED REMOTE AS EVER.

BOTH Factions ARE CHARGED WITH THE ORGANISATION OF TERRORISM AND STAGING A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON EACH OTHER'S HIDEOUTS. THE VICTIMS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BADLY BEATEN AND HELD PRISONERS. IN THREE INSTANCES, AMERICAN FORCES WERE CALLED TO RESCUE PRISONERS.

A spokesman for the left wing struck sharply at its rivals. Hong Nam Pio charged that the Kim Koo Provisional Government had returned to Korea as individuals but were trying to install themselves as a government.

He said this government was trying to force on a nation a platform drawn up during the long exile in China. He contended that the platform was unfitted for the present needs of Korea. He charged the Kim Koo group with sowing the efforts towards unification with a "despotic" attitude.

Pak Houn Young, another spokesman for the left wing, charged the American forces and "pro-Japanese" officials of the Military Government, with "supporting Fascist" and terrorist groups, by failing to suppress them.

He declared that Major-General John Hodges, Commander of the 24th Corps, in Seoul, was "too liberal" toward Kim Koo's so-called Provisional Government. He said that negotiations for the formation of a "national united front," have been made difficult by Kim Koo's group's opposition to the trusteeship.—Associated Press.

INDUSTRY NATIONALISED

Watasaw, Jan. 7. The Polish Government has formally nationalized all heavy basic industries. The National Council of the Homeland has ratified a decree giving the government control over every industry employing more than 50 persons per shift.

Among the enterprises affected were communications systems, banks, mines, factories and public utilities.—Associated Press.

Inflation Psychology In America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION IS FIGHTING A CRITICAL TWO-FRONT WAR: TO KEEP PRICE CONTROLS AND TO BATTLE WHAT IT CONSIDERS INFLATION PSYCHOLOGY.

TOP O.P.A. MEN, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HAVE DONE A LOT OF TALKING BEFORE CONGRESS AND BUSINESS GROUPS. THEY SEEM TO BE SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER. THEY ARE.

This is what they're shouting at, and the reasoning behind the shouting.

Under the law, price control ends on June 30. Congress can extend it for another six months or a year beyond that date, or let it die on June 30.

Or Congress can kill price control anytime between now and June 30.

Some of the most powerful business groups want price control ended in February. These groups have great weight in Congress.

But the idea that price control might end in February creates a psychology of inflation. In this way: Business men, if they believe price control will end in February, will be inclined to hold back until then, goods they would have released now.

No violence was reported anywhere in a series of demonstrations. Leaders cautioned against excesses. They said they would "get further" with protest if they were orderly.

Associated Press correspondent Hal Boyle reported that the morale of the American armed forces in the Pacific was at the lowest ebb since Pearl Harbour. He said it had reached a point where efficiency and discipline was being undermined seriously.

He stated that officers and men were being affected by the slowly corroding resentment at policies keeping them in the western Pacific and Asia.—Associated Press.

INFLATIONARY MOOD

The inflationary mood of the country—in cases where there is no price control—can be seen in the spurtng prices on the stock market and in real estate. Both are being used for speculation.

O.P.A. boss Chester Bowles' chief economic advisor, Richard W. Gilbert, recently told New York business group: "The inflationary psychology is just beginning to take hold."

"It has not yet reached unmanageable proportions. But every day that passes sees it grow." The evidence is plain. Inflation is being talked about and talked up in clubs, parlour cars, and wherever business men congregate.

The National Association of Manufacturers wants price control ended by Feb. 15. The National Retail Dry Goods Association wants almost all price control ended by February 1. The National Association of Real Estate Boards wants rent controls ended as "rapidly as possible" and no price controls at all on building materials or new homes.—Associated Press.

RECKLESS IN EXTREME

Bowles told the N.A.M. at its convention that its recommendation to end price control two months from now was "reckless in the extreme".

Bowles has price controls on building materials, intends to keep them. He has control of rents. He wants to keep that, with housing critically scarce and no real relief in sight for a year or more.

He has no price controls on sales of homes but thinks there should be. So does President Truman.—Associated Press.

MARITIME CONFERENCE

Seattle, Jan. 7. The first post-war International Maritime Conference will be held here on May 20 to June 21.

About 600 delegates from 21 leading maritime nations will discuss trade lanes, cargo subsidies and shipping procedures.—Associated Press.

Seoul, Jan. 7.

Interest of southern Korea seems to be divided between power by the provisional and People's democratic organisations and the impending American-Russian conference over the "treasure" of the Korean dividing line. The northern half of Korea is American-controlled.—Associated Press.

TOO MUCH FOOD IN AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 7. A report issued here by the Department of Agriculture offers scant hope of the nation's being able to avoid post-war problems of food and farm surpluses and their resulting unfavorable economic developments.

The surplus is expected to arise with the disappearance of abnormal wartime demands.

The report says that even if Americans attain a high level of consumption, surpluses will continue in some commodities.—Associated Press.

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HEBREW COMMITTEE'S DEMAND

Washington, Jan. 7. The Hebrew National Committee will close its bases in Batavia, Saigon, Rangoon and Kunming this month. A.T.O. officials from Calcutta said to-day.

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NOTICE

Will all members of the American Club now in Hong Kong, please attend an informal meeting to be held in the Club premises on Wednesday, 9th January 1946, at 5.15 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the possibility of re-opening the Club.

S. S. CHURCH
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Hong Kong,
7th January 1946

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In spite of the general transport shortage in the city, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard McGivern, Commander-in-Chief of the British troops in Austria, has provided British army transport to help in the work.

In spite of all difficulties, lack of raw materials and transport, short rations for the local workmen and the cold weather remains to the Cathedral are going ahead well, and the architect, Professor Karl Holay, hopes that it will be possible to roof over the nave in time to prevent irreparable damage to the structure.

Saint Stephen's, probably the finest pure Gothic Cathedral in the world, was untouched by the war until the last minute, when Red Army troops were fighting their way through the streets of Vienna.

As the first B.S.F. troops were falling back to the northern suburbs, they set fire to shops and houses in the centre of the city all round the Cathedral, and sharks from the burning houses invaded the Cathedral roof. Australian fire-fighting sounds kept the flames under control for two days, but with all water mains cut, the fire gradually gained the upper hand and eventually the whole roof collapsed, crashed into the choir and destroyed the carved wooden choir stools dating from 1485.

TREASURES UNCOVERED

Apart from the choir stools, almost nothing of real value was lost in the fire. Most of the valuable pictures and carvings had been stored in the catacombs shortly after the outbreak of war. Two hidden unknown art treasures, a fresco and a picture of the Cathedral itself drawn on the wall by a 15th century builder, were revealed for the first time by the destruction of the great organ at the northern end of the nave.

The first aid repairs now being undertaken consist of the construction of a concrete roof over the vaulting of the nave, which was largely undamaged, and the building of a temporary wall dividing the badly damaged choir from the relatively intact nave.

The cathedral authorities hope that it will be possible to hold services in the nave in about six months.

Professor Holay, the architect, estimates that the complete reconstruction of the cathedral will take about ten years and cost about £175,000. This sum will be raised by public subscription. About one-third of it has already been received in the form of voluntary gifts from the people of Vienna who, whether Catholics or not, have always had a deep affection for "Steffl" as they call the cathedral. Some of the very few Jews who are left in Vienna have also given contributions towards the work.

The city council of Vienna has given the cathedral authorities permission to take what stone they need from ruined buildings in the centre of the city. —Reuter

G.I.'s A "Bad Influence"

Manila, Jan. 7.

Lieut. General W. D. Styler today told American soldiers protesting against the redeployment slow-down that U.S. Secretary of War Robert Patterson had decided to pass by Manila on his round the world tour directly from Tokyo. Patterson was due to arrive in Manila on Saturday, he said.

A five-man Committee has been named by the G.I.s at a mass meeting to see if Patterson who will remain in Manila for seven or eight days.

Three thousand soldiers marched in an orderly fashion to Headquarters following the mass meeting. Styler told the Committee that the "changing international situation" made it impossible to send all those eligible for discharge home immediately.

He said the mass meeting had a bad influence on Philippine islands members and "no matter how good your intentions I am afraid some hot heads will cause trouble and somebody will get hurt."

The Committee assured Styler that all demonstrations so far have been orderly and that they will do their utmost to preserve order. —Associated Press.

New Reading Matter At A Premium

LOCAL BOOKSHOPS REPORT THAT HEAPS OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PERIODICALS ARE ON THE WAY AND WILL BE HERE, FOR CERTAIN, WITHIN THE MONTH. ONE BOOKSHOP PROMISES A LARGE CONSIGNMENT WITHIN THE WEEK.

WHAT PRICES WILL BE REMAINS A SHOP SECRET. THE PRESIDENT GRANT BROUGHT IN A LARGE NUMBER OF BACK COPIES OF LIFE MAGAZINE WHICH WERE PUT ON THE MARKET AT \$5 AN ISSUE. DEMAND AT THIS PRICE WAS SO SLIM, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRICE WAS CUT TO \$3.

Bookshops have started undercutting one another and it is now possible to buy a pre-1941 Penguin for \$1. The Colony, and the Services particularly, are hungry for new reading material and are willing to pay high prices even for old.

As a result, prices of old books even at a rate of \$2.50 to one shilling are being maintained in some instances and no price-tag has been found at less than \$2 to a shilling.

Greatest demand is for detective stories, even at \$6 a volume in a cheap edition. A demand is even reported for 6d. and 7d. romantic and adventure thrillers of the 1930-vintage by writers of the E. W. Savi, Emmeline Morrison and J. S. Fletcher calibre.

There seems to be a definite trend for escapist literature among book-store patrons. Classics are available but are in moderate demand. American movie magazines have finally put in an appearance and are selling at \$5 a copy.

There is a limited number of new English periodicals already on sale, but business is not brisk at \$2.50 for a 1/3 publication.

HIGH MARGIN OF PROFIT

Large stocks of new magazines may bring prices down. Book-sellers, however, state that high cost of living and rehabilitation demands higher prices and that a high margin of profit has to be maintained in order to keep the shop going.

In Kowloon, only three, and in Hong Kong, only one, have survived the Japanese occupation. Most lucrative trade while the Japanese were here consisted in under-the-counter sales of such forbidden literature as Vespa's "Secret Agent of Japan," Edgar Snow's "The Battle for Asia" and "Red Star Over China," as well as Freda Utley's "Japan's Secret of Clay."

Japanese, particularly Chinese, were highly desirous of reading these and paid well.

GENERAL CHANG LEAVES FOR CAIRNS

Gallant End Of River Steamer

THE STORY OF HOW A GALLANT LITTLE STEAMER MEASURING BUT 170 FEET IN LENGTH BY 30 FEET IN DEPTH WITH A HULL OF 1 INCH PLATING FOUGHT A LOSING BATTLE WITH SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN SEAS AFTER SINKING A LARGE TRANSPORT CAN BE TOLD TO-DAY.

Among those at Kai Tak to see him off were the G.O.C., Major-General Frank Festing, Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, members of the Chinese military mission, Mr. Chan So, of the local Kuomintang, and Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

TURNING OFF THE BRIGHT LIGHTS

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

With the steady debasement of free-spending G.I.s for home, some 750 of Shanghai's 1,800 hastily improvised cabarets, bars and night-clubs have closed down and are being reconverted into tobacco shops, godowns, garages and kitchens.

And their owners are investing quickly accumulated screenbacks in steadier trades.

More bars and cabarets are expected to turn off their bright lights shortly as the United States Army's war against high prices here gathers momentum. The U.S. Army authorities are placing out of bounds all establishments unable to comply with the ceiling prices fixed by them. —Reuter

ENTRY INTO MIKUDEN

Tientsin, Jan. 7.

Chinese sources to-day said the Russians at Mukden had agreed to let unarmed troops of Lieutenant Tu Lu-ming to enter the city. They said that some Chinese troops on the outskirts of the town are expected momentarily to enter.

Three Russian liaison officers from Manchuria have been in conference with Chinese army officials. —Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The s.s. "E. Sang" left for Swatow on Sunday with a cargo of about 200 tons of general merchandise, including 50 drums of kerosene, and a passenger list of about 250.

At noon yesterday the s.s. "Kweiyang" sailed for Shanghai with about 300 tons of general cargo and 801 cases of medical supplies for the British Red Cross. She also carried 400 odd passengers.

The s.s. "Pak Hoi" is scheduled to sail for Bangkok this afternoon. She is carrying no cargo or passengers.

Expected arrival is the s.s. "Shantung", due from Bangkok to-morrow with a cargo of rice.

AND WOMEN NOW!

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

The Communist Party to-day followed General MacArthur's latest directives against the ultra-nationalists with the demand for the elimination of "women war criminals."

Yumaki, Chief of the Party's women's department, declared that a public rally of Communists had already prepared a list of alleged feminine war criminals among educators, officials of the women's section of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, authors and officers of the government-sponsored Nippon Women's Association. —Associated Press.

BACK INTO PULP

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

The billions of puppet Central Bank notes issued in Shanghai are being collected by the Government-owned Central Bank of China for eventual destruction. It is learned.

Some time in the Spring, when the time limit for the exchange of puppet notes into national currency expires, all the collected C.R.B. bills will be sent to a paper mill in Pootung—across the Whangpo from Shanghai—where they will be cut into pieces and dissolved into pulp.

So far over 10,000 cases of puppet notes have been collected by the Bank. —Reuter.

GOOD RIDDANCE?

London, Jan. 7.

The Communist "Daily Worker" in an editorial yesterday, compared the British House of Lords with the Chamber of Princes in India, and wrote:

"If the House of Lords dares to carry out its threat to obstruct Labour Party legislation, it will be committing suicide, and will be a good rideance, too. The only bodies resembling the House of Lords are the feudal Chamber of Princes in India and the Senate (House of Peers) in Japan. The days of both are numbered."

Commencing To-Morrow — "THE LIVES OF A BENGAL LANCER."

CATHAY

To-day at 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

MARGARET LINDSAY

in

"HELL'S KITCHEN"

With The Dead End Kids

TO-MORROW

Charlie Chan at Wax Museum

of spectators. —Reuter.

TC-NIGHT DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE ENTERTAINMENT ENSA STAR THEATRE

PRESENTS
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AS GUEST ARTISTS

"HIGH TIME"

A CONCERT PARTY PRODUCED BY THE NEW YORK ENSA COMMITTEE

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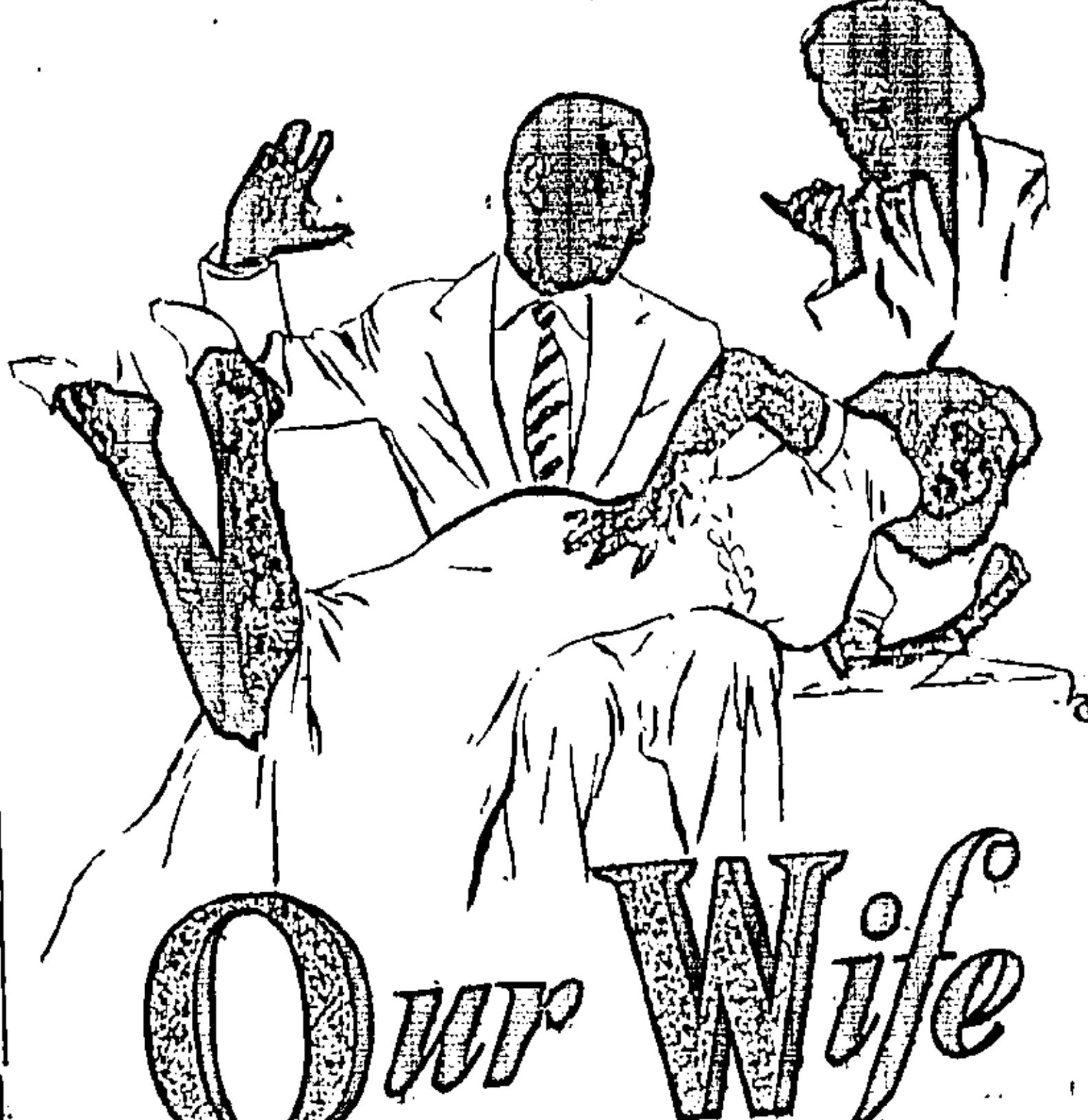
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FRANK WADE
ROSS PRATT
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ERIC TREDWELL
NOEL BROPHY
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& NIGHTLY AT 7.30 P.M.

NOTE:—SERVICEMEN MAY BRING ONE CIVILIAN GUEST EACH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SHOWING **QUEENS** TO-DAY At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

THE MOST UPSTAIRS COMEDY
WALLOP AUDIENCES HAVE TAKEN IN YEARS!



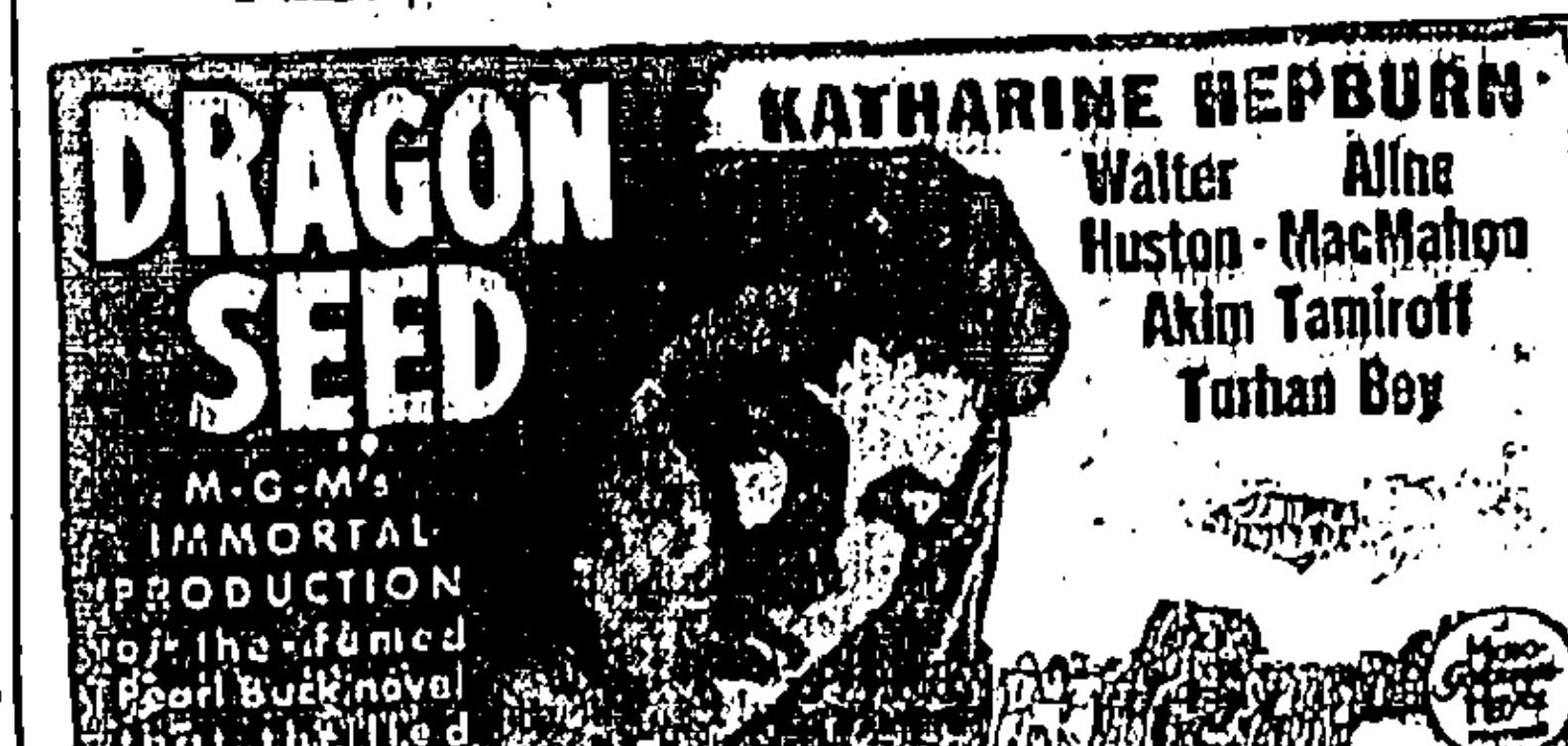
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A COLUMBIA PICTURE

TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME (16 REELS)

4 SHOWS DAILY at 2.30, 4.30, 7.0 & 9.30 p.m.



ALHAMBRA THEATRE

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.00, 7.00 & 9.00 p.m.

WARNER BAXTER & MARGO

IN "ROBIN HOOD OF EL DORADO"

AN M-G-M PICTURE

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Foul Play Suspected In Yokohama

Yokohama, Jan. 7. The 8th Army Provost Marshal has begun investigation into the reported disappearance, last week, of Crescendo Bidez, 17-year-old Filipino mess-boy, who was last seen leaving an air craft rescue vessel at Yokohama pier.

The boy left behind in his quarters several hundred dollars in yen, pesos and American money, indicating that he had planned to return to the ship.

He had never been away from the ship over a few hours.

Investigating officers are working on the theory that there may be foul play. Associated Press.

Having Fun On U.S. Transports

By Hal Boley

SHANGHAI, JAN. 7. AMERICA'S SPICK AND SPAN NAVY IS STILL SOME WHAT DAZED FROM THE IMPACT MADE UPON IT BY CHINESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS AS IT FERRIED TO FORMOSA AND NORTH CHINA. THESE JOINT OPERATIONS ALSO HAVE HAD THEIR EFFECT ON CHING KAI-SHEK'S TENNIS SHOED SOLDIERS.

"They certainly lead a different life from that of American troops," said Lt. Dale Boley, commander of a ship which made two lifts of Chinese troops to Formosa. "But I'll say this for them they were easily handled and would do anything you told them if you could just get across what you wanted."

Boley sympathises with the Chinese soldiers because until he went into the navy two years ago he himself had never been in a

9,000 Pounds A Year Job Going

The appointment of Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation will, according to a tentative suggestion of the Executive Committee, be worth \$20,000 with an expenditure allowance of another \$15,000, about £20,000 tax free, says the Daily Telegraph.

The Secretary-General will also be provided with an official residence, fully furnished and staffed. Only if he happens to be a subject of the country in which the headquarters is situated will he be liable to income tax.

The nomination will be made by the Security Council and the election will be one of the first duties of the Assembly.

Among names which have been mentioned as a possible choice are Gen. Eisenhower, Mr. Stettinius, Mr. Eden, and Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, on the one hand, and on the other a Canadian, or a Norwegian, as representing one of the smaller countries.

SHIPMENT OF FLOUR ARRIVES

The s.s. "City of Eastbourne," which arrived in Hong Kong last Saturday, is unloading a cargo of 1,800 tons of flour from Shanghai and some motor-trucks for U.N.R.A. at Holl's Wharf.

She is scheduled to sail on Jan. 11 with about 4,000 tons of general merchandise for Singapore, consisting mostly of Chinese food-stuffs of which there is a shortage in Malaya.

Chinese shippers have been busily preparing goods for shipment during the past ten days.

RETURNING HOME

Yokohama, Jan. 7. Colonel L. B. Shaw, of the American 8th Army staff, to-day announced that all 50-pdrs and 3/4 year men in the 8th Army zone, including the former 6th Army area in Japan will leave for Homo by Jan. 31 unless shipping now assigned to Japan is diverted elsewhere.

An order has been issued to start 60-pdr men on the way to four replacement depots. Associated Press.

Steering Clear Of Trouble Spots

WASHINGTON, JAN. 7. THE UNITED STATES ENDED AT MIDNIGHT THE LAST VESTIGE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND, LEAVING ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THAT POLITICALLY TROUBLED REGION TO GREAT BRITAIN. THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS DISCLOSED IN A BRIEF TWO SENTENCE MIDNIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEFS OF STAFF, WHICH STATED:

Since the participation of United States forces in the India-Burma campaign has ended, and the United States does not envisage participating in future operations incident to the disarming of Japanese troops and the restoration of civil government in territories under S.E.A.C., the combined chiefs of staff consider that it is no longer necessary from the military point of view for Admiral Mountbatten to retain a fully integrated British United States headquarters. Therefore, United States

representation at S.E.A.C. will henceforth be limited to inter-theatre liaison."

The move has significance in view of the current strife in the East Indies, and specially Java where British and Dutch forces are battling Indonesian nationalists.

While the United States shared in the original decision to send troops to Java, it has since denounced political "softness" to British activities there.

American personnel have not participated in the military operations, and some weeks ago the State Department requested that the British should remove all American labels from any lend-lease arms and vehicles used in action against the Indonesians.

STEERED CLEAR

U.S. Army civilian government personnel have steered completely clear of the army.

No United States combat forces have been in the S.E.A.C. zone since last June, when the Japanese were driven from Rangoon. United States representation in theatre liaison at Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters will be limited to a token group of about 20 officers. It is understood previously there were about 100 army, air force and naval officers working there.

The command was established after the September 1941 Quebec conference between Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt, several Chinese leaders and senior Chiefs, S.E.A.C. territory included Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Thailand, Indo-China, the East Indies and the Admiralty Islands. Associated Press.

AN ORDEAL

"They cooked great quantities of rice on deck over charcoal fires in earthenware urns. During storms we had to take over for them and kept a 40 gallon copper boiler going 12 hours a day to fill their rice bowls."

Because of numerous cases of dysentery among the troops and fear of a cholera outbreak, they were restricted aboard ship to the tank deck and the forward part of the main deck.

"They slept by the hundreds on straw mats laid on the bare iron deck," said Boley, "and every time the ship rolled they got sick. It was something of an ordeal for us as well as them."

In their first contact with American naval life scores of these farm boys from the interior had difficulty learning the details about ship sanitary facilities. The situation improved after the Chinese army set up demonstration teams ashore to teach intrinsics to new troops awaiting embarkment.

Boley recalled: "We had one group of 130 up to our wardroom for turkey dinner and they kept repeating, 'ting ha, ting ha' (excellent, excellent), all through the meal. They didn't like the way we cooked rice though." Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, JAN. 7. The Shanghai Club, one of the best known social institutions here was officially re-opened on New Year's eve by Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, British Consul General, before a large gathering of members.

Internationally famous for possessing what is reputed to be the longest bar in the world, this British club, with a large international membership, was closed down by the Japanese authorities shortly after Pearl Harbour, and throughout the occupation was used as headquarters by the Japanese Navy.

After the Japanese surrendered the British Navy took over the premises for a time. Reuter.

SHOCK-ABSORBER

Washington, Jan. 7. In a report reviewing the year, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace declared that the outstanding economic feature of 1945 was "the resilience with which American economy absorbed the shock of the sudden end of the war" and the speed with which it met about reconversion to peace-time production. Associated Press.

First Death Sentence In Japan Trials

YOKOHAMA, JAN. 7. FIRST LIEUTENANT KEI YURI OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY WAS TO-DAY CONDEMNED TO HANG BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION FOR ORDERING THE KILLING OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER BY BAYONET.

Yuri, former commandant of the Omata Prison Camp, was convicted by the Commission of the death of Private Noah G. Heard, of Salinas, California. This is the second conviction in "atrocities" war crimes trials held in Japan and the first death sentence.

Standing stiffly erect before the American officers of the court Yuri showed no trace of emotion and his eyes never moved as sentence was read in English and then repeated in Japanese.

Yuri held out his hands while handcuffs were placed and then led off.

The Commission found him guilty of ordering the execution of Heard and of permitting the torture and killing by starvation of

Unknown M.P. Cleared

LONDON, JAN. 7. A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHOSE IDENTITY WAS KEPT SECRET, HAD HIS NAME MENTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Members of Parliament adopted a motion put by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, with the object of doing justice to a Member who had appeared before the Committee of Privileges in June, 1942.

The Member concerned had been accused of the charge against him and Mr. Morrison said he only wished to ask the House to agree to the publication of the report without the minutiae of evidence. So his name may never be known to the public.

Mr. Morrison said he felt it was only right for the sake of the public and of history that when the emergency had been passed, the Member should remove all American labels from any lend-lease arms and vehicles used in action against the Indonesians.

Nevertheless, it had been suggested that he should leave the country as soon as doctors certify him fit to travel.

Though he failed to specify the number, von Steiger said that many German diplomats were still interned in Switzerland.

About Italian diplomats, the Swiss president informed council members that Gen. Taerpedi Blanchi, Italian military attache under the Mussolini regime, would probably leave the country soon.

COUNT VOLPI, another Italian refugee who was in hospital, would be expelled from the country as soon as his medical condition made that step possible.

The case of Count Giuseppe Baclanini, former ambassador to London, was being held in abeyance pending further investigation by the department of Justice, von Steiger concluded. Associated Press.

Resigned From Gaol

TOKYO, Jan. 7. From Sugamo Prison, the war crimes suspect Takeo Oota and Kazuo Aoki tendered their resignations as members of the House of Peers yesterday.

Oota, a Japanese Minister with portfolio and President of the Board of Information in the Higashikuni Cabinet, while Aoki was Vice-President of the outlawed Imperial Rule Assistance Association. Associated Press.

COLONY'S "LYON'S" CLOSES DOWN

YESTERDAY, AFTER SIX MONTHS OF HARD WORK, THE BOAT POOL IN THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCK-YARD DISCHARGED ITS LAST NAVAL CREW. IN FUTURE, THE BOATS UNDER THE POOL WILL BE ENTIRELY CHINESE MANAGED, AS THEY HAVE BEEN, TO A GROWING EXTENT, EVER SINCE THE NAVY TOOK OVER IN SEPTEMBER LAST.

A visit to the Boat Office at Flag Staff Steps yesterday resulted in an interview with Lt. Cavill, of Manchester, who is in charge.

"This office," said Lt. Cavill, "is sheer hellish at times. Like the cafes of Montmartre, if one waits long enough here, one will meet everybody one ever knew. This morning is rather quiet, though." The phone was ringing, people were continually coming in and going out, boats were arriving every few seconds, but it was quiet, he said. On being asked what he meant by a busy day, Lt. Cavill considered for a minute, and then admitted that New Year's Day had been "pretty hectic."

"MAKE AND MEND!"

"We had more boats than we could fit into the Pool at times," he said. "On top of the ordinary traffic, nearly every ship in the harbour was sending drafts ashore to barracks, and barracks were sending drafts to ships for passage home. We were at it for over twelve hours solid, and to add insult to injury, someone found a signal at nine o'clock that night from the C-in-C, proclaiming a general "Make and Mend" (half day holiday).

Things happen fast in the Boat Pool, and the staff has had a fair share of excitement. One night an escaped lunatic came down to the office and demanded passage home. They kept him talking for a long time until the Patrol arrived to take him away. Another time, the dead bodies of three pirates and one of their victims were temporarily stowed in the office.

"That was quite normal," says Lt. Cavill. "This place is a cross between a left-luggage office and a tea-bar, anyway."

Yesterday, the 100-odd boats under the control of the Boat Pool, ranging from the C-in-C's Barque through the whole range of fast motor boats, large launches, cutters, steam pinnaces, tugs, M.F.V.'s to small craft of every shape and description, are manned by Chinese crews, both Navy and civilian.

FATHER CHAN

In charge is Chief Petty Officer Tai Sing, better known as Father Chan, who has been in the Navy since 1905. He holds the medal of the Royal Humane Society for life-saving. When new crews or additional personnel are needed, "Father Chan's Press Gang" fetch them in. Another old Navy man is Luen Sui, who first joined in 1914, and is the traffic controller.

He is better known as George, and is a very familiar sight at Flag Staff Steps, broadcasting through a hand-mike to boats at the other side of the pool.

Rates of pay for these Chinese crews are good. An A/B, or his equivalent gets \$83 a month all told, a Leading Seaman \$92, Petty Officer \$102 and a Chief Petty Officer \$106. There are no Chinese officers as yet.

Beyond Shock

When asked about any particularly annoying incidents, Lt. Cavill said that anything was liable to happen at any time, but that it really was annoying to be asked at 8 a.m. of a cold morning which was the next boat out to a ship

lying at the far end of the harbour. "However," he went on, "this being such a peculiar institution, we have long since lost all feelings of surprise." One of the few remaining ABs in the office compared the place to Lyon's Corner House.

"I would like," finished Lt. Cavill, "to pay a tribute to the Chinese crew we have working with us, for they really are doing a wonderful job. It doesn't matter what type of boat you give them, or to which part of the harbour you send them. You can rely upon them getting there without any trouble."

POLISH UNDERGROUND DENIAL

Rome, Jan. 7. General Wladislaw Anders, former Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, yesterday denied allegations that he said had been made that he and members of the second Polish Corps were attempting to organise a Polish underground movement in opposition to the present Warsaw Government.

Anders told a press conference: "Neither I nor troops under my command recognise the Warsaw Government because it was not chosen freely by the Polish people." Associated Press.

JOB NEARLY OVER

Washington, Jan. 7. An Army official said to-day that repatriation of Japanese prisoners from the United States is expected to be completed about Jan. 15. He stated that whether the job will be done by then depends on the ability to move prisoners without interfering with United States troop transportation.

Last September there were 5,080 Japanese prisoners in the United States. Associated Press.

PRETENDER'S TRIP

Madrid, Jan. 7. Prince Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish Throne, is reported to be planning a trip to-day to Lisbon by plane from Switzerland.

It was rumoured that the motive of the trip is connected with a conference he is seeking with General Franco regarding the restoration of the Monarchy in Spain. Associated Press.

RADIO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1946.
TALK BY LT. A.E. BATES, R.N.
FROM THE STUDIO.

ZEW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.00 M.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.30 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band, and Mo.

12.30 p.m.—Lello Hutchison (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Programme of Spanish Music.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Artie Shaw & His Orchestra and Bing Crosby.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—Services Music Box—ENSA.

7.30 p.m.—R.A.F. Concert Orchestra—ENSA.

8.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Lt. A.E. Bates, R.N.—the First of The Series—"The Son in Nelson's Time."

8.15 p.m.—Manned Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.

8.30 p.m.—Irish Half Hour.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

9.30 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Orchestral Concert with Charles Kullman (Violin) and Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

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